

**SENATE AMENDMENT 3,  
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 700**

March 3, 2000 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESOURCES AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the engrossed bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 12, line 13: delete the material beginning with that line and ending  
3 with page 13, line 11, and substitute:

4 “**SECTION 3m.** 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 5.15 **(6)** (b) No later than 60 days before each September primary and general  
6 election, and no later than 30 days before each other election the governing body of  
7 any municipality may by resolution combine 2 or more wards for voting purposes to  
8 facilitate using a common polling place. Whenever wards are so combined, the  
9 original ward numbers shall continue to be utilized for all official purposes. Except  
10 as otherwise authorized under this paragraph, every municipality having a  
11 population of 50,000 or more, or 35,000 or more after June 1, 1996, shall maintain  
12 separate returns for each ward so combined. In municipalities having a population  
13 of less than 50,000, or less than 35,000 after June 1, 1996, the governing body may

1 provide in the resolution that returns shall be maintained only for each group of  
2 combined wards at any election. ~~In municipalities having a population as shown in~~  
3 ~~the 1990 federal decennial census of at least 87,000 but not more than 150,000, the~~  
4 ~~governing body may provide in a resolution adopted prior to June 1, 1996 that groups~~  
5 ~~of not more than 2 wards shall use common ballot boxes and ballots or voting~~  
6 ~~machines and that returns shall be maintained only for each group of combined~~  
7 ~~wards at any election held prior to June 1, 1996.~~ Whenever a governing body  
8 provides for common ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, separate returns  
9 shall be maintained for each separate ballot required under ss. 5.62 and 5.64 at the  
10 September primary and general election. The municipal clerk shall transmit a copy  
11 of the resolution to the county clerk of each county in which the municipality is  
12 contained. ~~In municipalities having a population of less than 50,000, or less than~~  
13 ~~35,000 after June 1, 1996, the resolution shall remain in effect for each election until~~  
14 ~~modified or rescinded, or until a new division is made under this section.”.~~

15 (END)